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## AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated June 7, 2006, concerning the above-captioned patent application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this document.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: